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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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For:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents

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Date: May 12, 2003 (Monday)

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 10, 2003, the period for response having been extended one month to May 10, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the aboveidentified application.

In the Drawings:

Please cancel Fig. 1(i).

TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 12 with the following paragraph:

"Thereafter, the side-wall 37 is formed by implementing the anisotropic etching